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Outdoor leaks contribute to water waste

MWRD, U.S. EPA offer water conservation tips during Fix a Leak Week
March 17 – March 23

Illinois winters are harsh and can wreak havoc on household water systems. To see if your home is leaking water, a good rule of thumb is to visually inspect your water connections indoor and out. Fixing those smaller leaks when possible can prevent excess water from entering our sewers so that they have maximum capacity for when heavy downpours hit the area.

Outdoor spigots, hose connections and irrigation systems should be checked each spring before use to make sure there is no damage caused by winter frost or freezing. A simple action to take now is to check your garden hose for leaks where it connects to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or washer and ensure a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. To ensure that your in-ground irrigation system is not leaking water, consult with a licensed plumber.

These are tips offered by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and other water partners are promoting Fix a Leak Week March 17 through March 23.

More information about the MWRD can be found at www.mwr.org or by following the MWRD at www.facebook.com/metropolitanwaterreclamationdistrict and www.twitter.com/mwrorg.

More information about Fix a Leak Week can be found at www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.

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